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The non-alcoholic beverage market in Thailand has significant growth potential because of present low per capita consumption. Additionally, due to an expansion in the number of "off- sale" outlets such as convenience stores and hypermarkets, non-alcoholic beverages are available to a larger portion of the population. It is a competitive market where many companies use aggressive advertising to gain market share. The two fastest growing sectors are Green Tea and milk. Growth in these areas is driven partially by the augmented health consciousness of Thai consumers.

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Section I. Executive Summary

The aim of this report is to provide an understanding of the market for non-alcoholic beverages including carbonated drinks, functional drinks, energy drinks, canned, fresh fruit and vegetable juice, smoothies, bottled water, ready to drink or fresh tea and coffee, dairy and non-dairy drinks in Thailand. This report divides the market into HRI/Food Service, Retail and Food Processing from information available from information available from January to June 2005. The exchange rate used for the report is USD 1= 40 THB. Thailand's non-alcoholic beverage market can be divided into the following sectors: carbonated drinks, fruit and vegetable juice, bottled water, functional drinks, ready-to-drink (RTD) tea and coffee, powdered concentrates and traditional Thai drinks. Free trade agreements have had a minimal impact on the non-alcoholic beverage market.

The non-alcoholic beverage market in Thailand has significant growth potential because of present low per capita consumption. Additionally, due to an expansion in the number of "off sale" outlets such as convenience stores and hypermarkets, non-alcoholic beverages are available to a larger portion of the population. Through these outlets RTD (Ready To Drink) beverages have flourished, especially Green Teas, three-in-one coffees and bottled water. It is a competitive market where many companies use aggressive advertising to gain market share. Growing health concerns of Thai consumers has driven growth in Green Tea, fruit and vegetable juices; cereal based drinks, but has caused a decline in carbonated beverages. Many Thai consumers seek high quality products and trust beverage US standards. Some windows for US export entry are in powdered beverages and fruit and vegetable juice concentrates.

Section II. Market Overview and Shares

The total non-alcoholic beverage market value in 2004 was over USD 1.6 billion with a growth rate of five percent from 2003. Around 42 percent of this is derived from the carbonated drinks segment. Meanwhile, sales volume is estimated to reach more than 3.8 billion liters. Industry growth in 2004 is a result of growing awareness of health issues among Thai consumers. Increasing popularity of RTD green tea, fruit and vegetable juice is in line with the level of consumers' disposable incomes and made possible through major advancements in the cold chain throughout Thailand. The industry has high potential for growth because of a positive trend of growing consumer demand for some product types, especially healthy drinks. However, Thailand's per capita consumption level is still low at only around 60 liters.

Recently, non-alcoholic beverage suppliers have spent larger budgets doing aggressive advertising and promotional activities in an attempt to capture greater market share and improve sales performance. In addition, the rapid expansion of the modern retailing sector, such as discount stores, hypermarkets and convenience stores has also driven growth of the non-alcoholic beverage market. Effective distribution strategies are important for market players to stimulate sales performance and increase market share.

For beverages in powdered or concentrated form, instant coffee has the highest share in the segment with around 69 percent of market share. Instant tea is achieving 1.2 percent growth, malt based beverages remain flat in the market and plant based hot drinks hold one percent.

The major suppliers of non-alcoholic beverages foresee growth of the industry for 2005 at the same rate as 2004. Many suppliers aggressively advertise and launch new products in the market to capture sales.

Further information on the Thai retail food market is included in: 'Thailand: Retail Food Sector, 2004'. This report is available on the Internet at www.fas.usda.gov; search using the report's reference number, TH 4143. Further information on the Thai food service market is included in: 'Thailand: HRI Food Service Sector, 2005'. This report is also available on the Internet at www.fas.usda.gov; search using the report's reference number, TH 5019. Additionally, at the same site, further information on the Thai food processing sector is included in: 'Thailand: Food Processing Sector, 2005'.

A) Market Prospects By Sector

The following table examines non-alcoholic beverages by sector.

Table 1: Total Sales Volume of Non-Alcoholic Beverages by Sector, 2003- 2004

Million litres	2003	2004	Growth Rate (%)
Carbonated drinks	1,760	1,847	5
Fruit/vegetable juice	98	109	11
Bottled water	1,623	1,698	5
Functional drinks	326	335	3
RTD tea	55	109	98
RTD coffee	55	56	2
Total Non-Al Beverages	3,916	4,154	6

Source: Trade Press, Euromonitor, Estimates

1) Carbonated Drinks Segment Flat

Thailand's carbonated drinks segment is flat, which can be attributed to growth in the 'healthy' drinks market. Thai consumers are more concerned with health issues and are moving away from carbonated drinks and towards beverages perceived as healthy alternatives, such as ready-to-drink (RTD) green tea, fruit and vegetable juice, dairy based beverages, and cereal based drinks. This has eaten into the carbonated drinks share of the overall non-alcoholic beverages market and the growth rate of this sector has slowed down. Most carbonated beverage producers have added non-carbonated production lines to handle the change of consumer behavior.

Because there is an increased number of players in the healthy drinks market some fruit and vegetable juice drink manufacturers have responded to the market by adding new products such as green tea, corn milk, and black sesame in soymilk drinks. To capture sales from very health conscious consumers some producers have also launched sugar-free formulations of fruit and vegetable juice and RTD green tea product.

2) Fruit and Vegetable Juice Demonstrates Consistent Growth

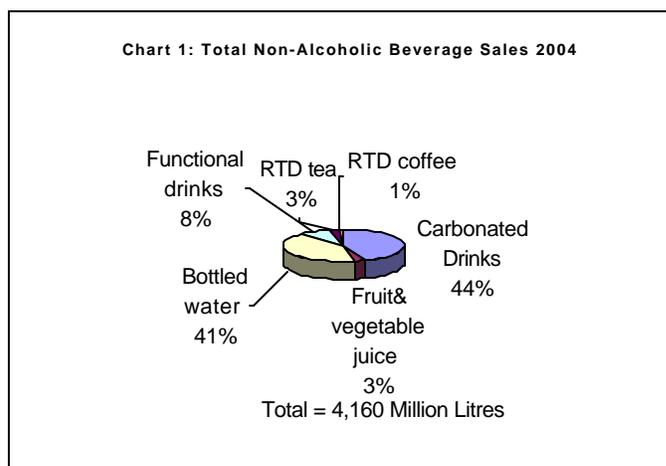
Fruit and vegetable juice drinks have demonstrated a growth rate of 10.7 percent, reaching around 109 million liters in 2004. Continued growth of over 10 percent is forecast for 2005. The fruit and vegetable juice market has benefited from the growing trend of consumer health consciousness and development of the cold chain. It has made entrance of foreign retailers into the market possible over the past five years. Many fruit and vegetable juice suppliers have added new products and various flavors to stimulate sales. Some of them have responded to the green tea craze by adding green tea flavor to their fruit and vegetable juice.

3) Bottled Water Grows Slightly

The bottled water market accounts for around 44 percent of all non-alcoholic beverage consumption by volume in the Thai market, increasing by 4.6 percent during the previous year. Rapid expansion of hypermarkets and convenience stores helps to drive market performance and enlarge market size. Besides the expansion of hypermarkets and convenience stores, home and office delivery has grown rapidly in recent years. We estimate that 50 percent of the bottled water market is for home and office delivery.

Meanwhile, the carbonated beverage sector still accounts for a significant volume of the total non-alcoholic beverage market at around 41 percent; though its market share has been eaten up by other non-alcoholic beverages (Chart 1). Total sales growth by volume still averages five percent per year and is now up to 1.85 million liters. Thailand's climate and marketing activities used by players are the main factor boosting consumption volume.

Bottled water has become a significant item in daily life due to the changing lifestyles of Thai consumers with increasing health perceptions. Sealed and well-packaged bottled water with official certification for safety consumption has become an essential item for many of these health conscious consumers.



4) Carbonated Drink Manufacturers Respond to Market Change

Though the market share is declining for carbonated drinks the modernization of the retail industry, increased effectiveness within the distribution system and consumer's increasing disposable income should provide further opportunity for the sector. Carbonated drinks are still a first choice for many consumers due to Thailand's tropical weather.

Major carbonated drink producers have aggressive advertising strategies to increase brand loyalty through continuous television advertising and marketing activities. For example, Serm Suk, the 'Pepsi' bottler and distributor has implemented music and sport marketing strategies extensively during the past decade. Serm Suk also launched new products: Lipton Wave Green Tea and Yeo's Soy Beverage into the market. Yeo's soy beverage, while popular in Malaysia and Singapore, did not succeed in penetrating the Thai market.

Coca-Cola (Thailand) also responded to market changes by launching its first non-carbonated fruit juice brand, called Qoo at the end of 2002. Its local bottler and distributor-Thai Pure Drinks has invested more than USD 2.5 million in its Rangsit factory to support the

production of the new beverage. The introduction of Qoo follows Coca-Cola's strategy of moving the company towards a total beverage company, offering customers a variety of choices. Qoo is the second non-carbonated drink introduced in Thailand by Coca-Cola after Nam Thip brand water.

5) RTD Tea Craze Is Fastest Growing Segment

Thailand is currently going through a 'green tea craze.' Products as diverse as throat lozenges, noodles, chewing-gum, sanitary napkins, ice-cream and even inner-soles for shoes are marketed with claims of the alleged wondrous properties of green tea. Growth of RTD tea is from booming sales of RTD green tea based on the perceived health benefits of green tea. RTD tea has shown dramatic growth continuously from 2002-2005 with competitive pricing and significant promotional expenditure.

In September 2001, the first bottled and canned green tea was introduced in Thailand by Uni-President under the Unif brand. During its first year after its launch, Unif gained almost USD 650,000 in sales. Since then other beverage firms have joined the bandwagon, for a piece of the action. The RTD green tea market grew from USD 650,000 in 2001, when Unif was the sole player, to USD 10.2 million in 2002, USD 75 million in 2003, and USD 150 million in 2004. The sector is expected to grow up to USD 250 million in 2005 before an eventual decline.

Local studies with or without scientific basis have concluded that green tea helps prevent tooth decay, decreases the incidence of cancer, increases blood vessel and heart muscle elasticity, and expands the trachea, which are marketed as important. In 2004-2005 both new and existing companies have become increasingly active in this sector with the introduction of new flavors and extensive advertising. More players are expected to enter the market rapidly because of an incredibly fast growing market that will eventually have a downturn and dramatic consolidation. New players include TTC Siam Drinking Water, and a major bottled water supplier who launched its Siam Green Tea in January 2005 with an expectation to gain 10 percent market share in the first year. Previously, only Unilever's Lipton brand was well known in the RTD tea sector. Then Unif, Nestle', Oishi, Tipco, and Sencha entered the RTD tea market with the introduction of different flavors.

6) RTD Coffee Competes With Freshly Made Coffee

RTD coffee sales growth is limited by fast growing fresh ground coffee consumption that can be found in coffee shops and with small vendors throughout the country. Coffee shops, small vendors, and kiosks of both local and foreign franchises (Doi Tung, Baan Rai, Denchai, Amazon, and Starbucks) serve freshly made coffee to consumers at acceptable prices together with convenience and attractive packaging. Thai consumers tend to prefer consuming freshly made coffee rather than RTD coffee, even though it is more expensive.

RTD coffee sales have followed the aggressive expansion of franchised freshly made coffee outlets that have expanded into department stores and major petrol stations. As a result, RTD coffee sales for 2004 were estimated at around 56 million liters with growth at only 1.77 percent from 2003 (Table 1).

RTD coffee sales in 2005 are expected to continue growing at the same rate as 2004, though the RTD coffee players have promoted their products aggressively through mass media advertising offering special promotions.

7) Functional Sector Dominated by Energy Drinks

In 2003, the overall functional drink sector benefited from the significant growth of energy drinks, which increased 14 percent by volume. Meanwhile, sports drink volume growth was only four percent, as they were perceived as a less useful beverage compared to alternative non-alcoholic beverages for health conscious consumers. In addition, sports drink sales were directly impacted by government advertising on television clarifying that sport drinks contain only some basic minerals and are not necessary for health, as marketed by energy drink producers in their advertising campaigns.

In 2004, the growth rate of the overall functional drinks sector sales volume dropped to three percent (Table 1) as government action in restricting energy drinks advertised on television during sports programs took effect, despite producers efforts.

The energy drink sector is dominated by two major players, TC Pharmaceutical Industry (Red Bull brand) and Osotspa (Lopvitan, Shark, and Magnum brands). Others small players are Champ Thai (Wrangler) and Carabao Daeng the latest player to enter the market just for a few years ago. Osotspa has used different brands to penetrate different customer groups.

The sports drinks market value has increased by 45 percent, up to USD 87.5 million in 2004. The growth of sport drinks is a result of the growing number of health conscious people that exercise on a regular basis. Sport drink suppliers have introduced their products as a helpful supplement for people whose mineral level has been reduced as a result of participating in sporting activities. However, most producers who have both energy and sport drinks still concentrate their marketing activity on energy drinks rather than sport drinks, due to its higher market value.

8) Milk Consumption Continues To Grow

Domestic raw milk production in Thailand has achieved almost 20 percent growth annually over the past 10 years due to Government policies relating to the promotion of dairy farming. Around 90 percent of total raw milk is processed as pasteurized or UHT milk. The remaining milk is used to produce yogurt, ice cream and cheese. Thailand has insignificant imports of liquid milk, but does export some processed liquid milk to Indonesia, the Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Singapore. Skim milk powder and anhydrous milk fat is blended with local raw milk to increase dairy solids and fat in the milk.

Despite local production Thailand remains a dairy deficit country and thus imports approximately 70,000 MT of skim milk powder each year to make up the deficit. While some imported skim milk powder is used in food processing (up to 8,000 MT in the bakery sector), the majority is used to produce recombined milk in the form of sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk or UHT milk.

Table 2 shows the supply and demand of fluid milk increasing continually since 1999. Domestic consumption in 2003 was around 700,000 tons, having increased by 3.5 percent from the previous year.

Table 2: Thailand's Supply and Demand for Fluid Milk

('000 MT)				
Year	Raw milk production	Demand for RTD milk	Raw milk	Shortage of raw milk
1999	442	538	446	92
2000	520	597	499	98
2001	564	628	564	64
2002	636	680	634	46
2003	732	704	698	6
Growth rate (2002-03)	15	4	10	-88

Source: 1999-2002 from Office of Agricultural Economics
2003 from Department of Livestock Development

B) Market Size- Growth of Imports and Domestic Production

Thailand's non-alcoholic beverage market experiences cross competition between the sectors as players relate themselves to the industry as a whole, rather than limiting themselves in any one category.

1) Carbonated Drinks Market

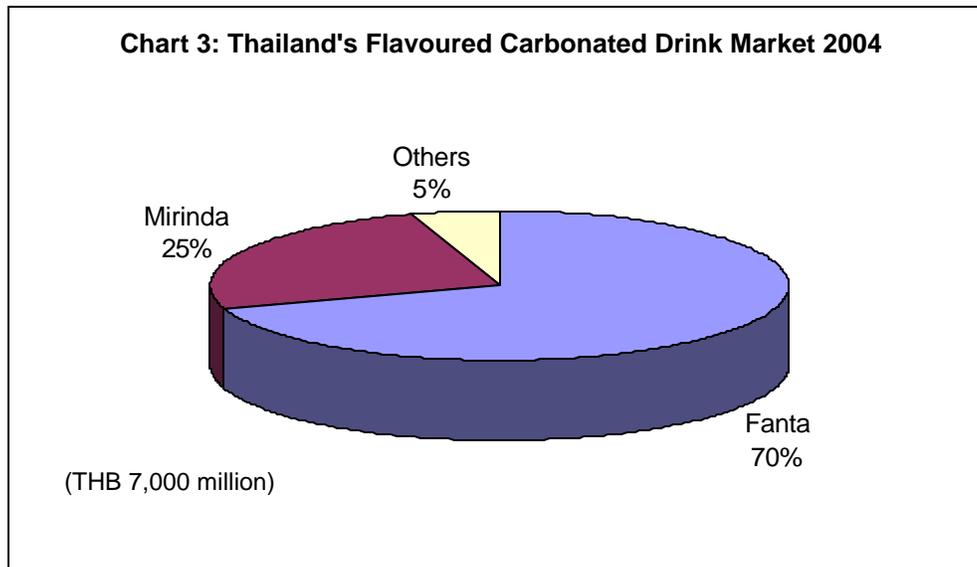
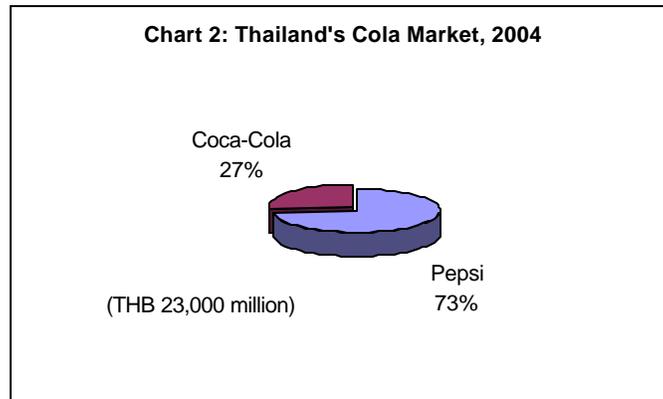
Information in this section will be mostly in value terms.

In 2004, total market value of the carbonated drink market was around USD 750 million. The carbonated drinks market in Thailand includes two segments: - cola and flavored carbonated drinks. The cola segment accounts for 77 percent of the carbonated drinks market value, the remaining 23 percent or around USD 175 million is the flavored carbonated drink segment. The imported segment is negligible. European origin pink lemonade for use in hotel mini-bars is imported in small volumes. A list of importers is included at the end of this report.

There are two major players in the Thailand carbonated drink market: Serm Suk and Thai Pure Drinks. Serm Suk produces and distributes carbonated drinks under various brands including Pepsi, Mirinda, and 7-Up. Meanwhile, Thai Pure Drinks produces and distributes products under Coca-Cola, Sprite, Fanta, and Schweppes throughout most of Thailand, except in the 14 provinces in the southern area of the country controlled by Haad Thip. Pepsi claims to be the market leader in the cola segment with a 63 percent share of the total value in 2004. The remaining balance belongs to Coca-Cola.

For the flavored drink segment, Fanta of Thai Pure Drinks is the market leader with around a 70 percent share, followed by Mirinda of Serm Suk with a market share of 25 percent. The remaining five percent of the flavored drink segment belongs to small players such as Green Spot and Birley.

Rivalry in the sector is high due to its high margin. Major players' marketing strategies have been focused on continuous advertising and sales promotions; especially during the summer when sales volume is the highest. New products or new flavors are also used to stimulate consumer demand and provide alternatives to consumers, as there is little brand loyalty in the market. Superstars and sport advertising are usually used to gain market share from teenage people. In addition, good relations with retailers, together with fast delivery are also important to succeed in the market. Market share is more closely related to distribution than consumer preference. A consumer may order 'Coke' or 'Pepsi', but they are served whichever of the two brands that the outlet stocks.



2) Bottled and Mineral Water

Total market value of the bottled and mineral water segment is around USD 250 million. Around 90 percent of the market value or USD 225 million belongs to bottled drinking water and the remaining USD 25 million is mineral water.

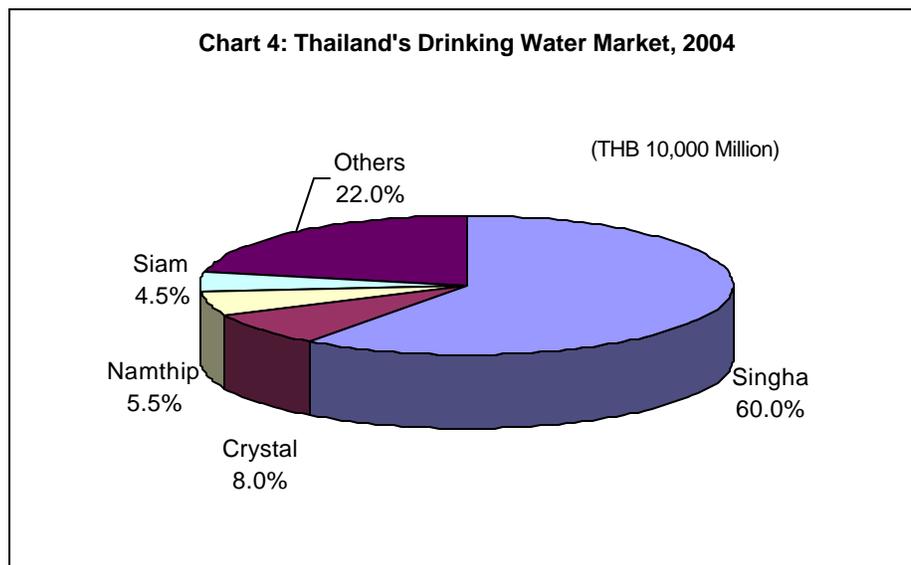
The numerous bottled water companies competing in this market are extremely different. There are three major categories of bottled-water companies:

- Smaller or larger firms created to market one special brand of bottled water,
- Soft drink companies that have entered the growing bottled water market, and
- Companies providing tap water with extensive know-how in water purification.

Major players in the market are Singha of Boon Rawd Brewery, Crystal of Serm Suk, Namthip of Thai Pure, Siam of TTC Siam Drinking Water, Sprinkle of M Water, Minere and Neptune of Nestle, and Aura of Dharaniphphat. Imports previously composed the majority of mineral water available in the market until the late 1990's when local production decimated a once sizeable import market.

Singha is the market leader with around 60 percent market share; followed by Crystal at around eight percent, and Namthip at five percent. Siam drinking water claims fourth position in the market with a share of around five percent or USD 11.3 million. Remaining

market shares belong to other small local players including vending machine companies that offer an alternative way for consumers to save on the cost of drinking water by selling refills at conveniently located self-service vending machines.

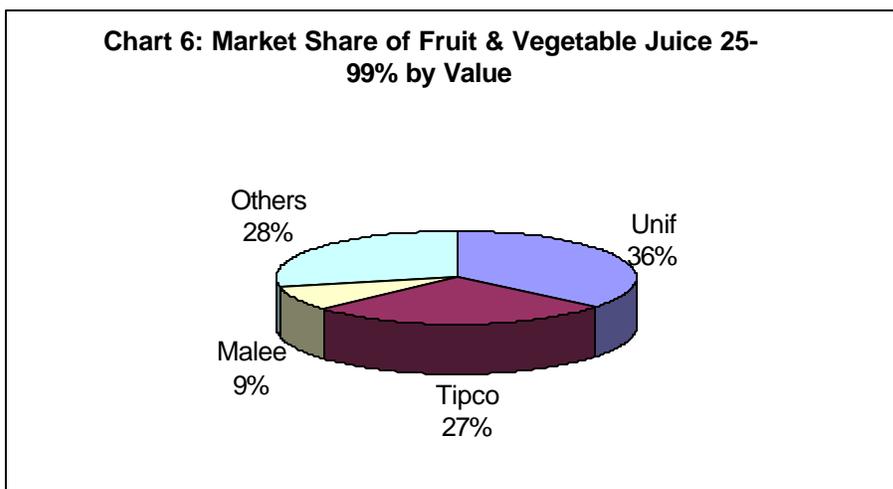
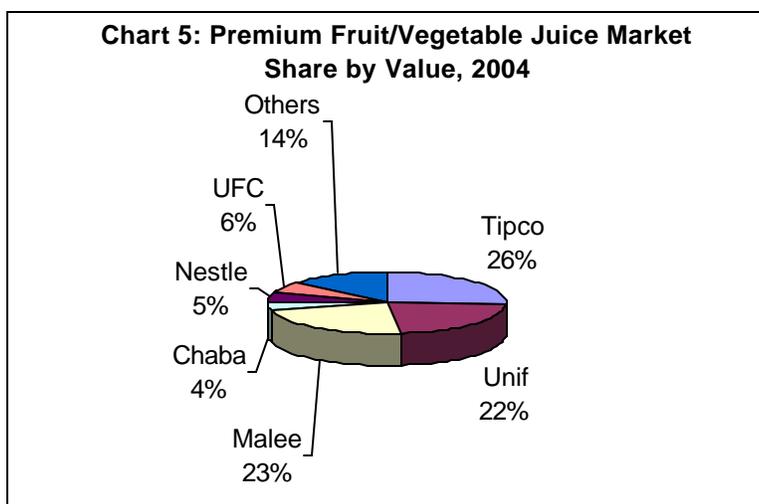


3) Fruit and Vegetable Juice

Local brands have controlled the majority of the fruit and vegetable juice market due to price advantages compared to imported brands. This segment of the market is most open to imports of U.S. fruit and vegetable juice concentrates.

The value of Thailand's fruit juice market in 2004 was USD 90 million. Of this amount, 100 percent fruit juice accounts for USD 45 million, 25-50 percent fruit juice USD 10 million, and less than 25 percent fruit juice USD 32.5 million. The 100 percent fruit juice market value has grown by 17 percent from 2003.

Tipco F & B claimed that its share of the high-end segment of 100 percent fruit and vegetable juice has increased from 32 percent in 2003 to 43 percent in 2004. The remaining market belongs to Unif at 21 percent, Malee 16 percent, UFC 6 percent, Nestle 5 percent, Chaba 4 percent, and others 5 percent. Tipco has done intensive marketing and has launched new packaging and flavors in the market. The company plans to double its production capacity in 2005 to maintain its leading position in the premium fruit and vegetable juice segment. Unif ranks as the biggest share holder in the medium sector (25-99 percent juice), followed by Tipco and Malee. The low-end sector is comprised of many small private labels with mass competition among other kind of drinks. The opportunity for U.S. exporters is to provide fruit concentrates. A list of major fruit-juice re-combiners is included with this report.

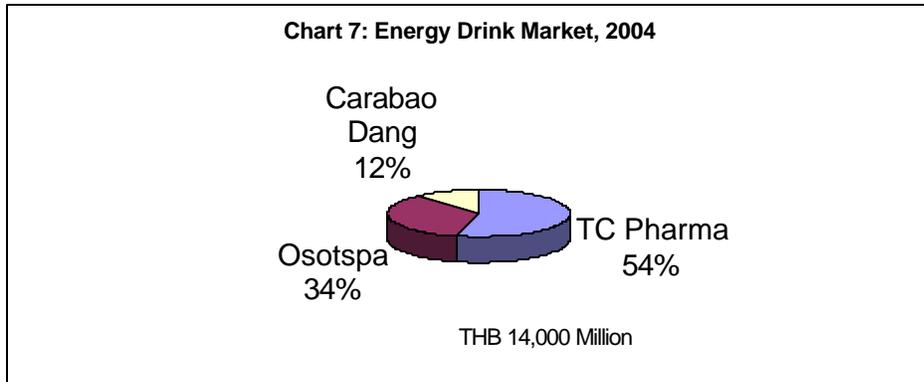


4) Functional Drinks

The functional drinks market includes two segments: energy drinks and sports drinks. Most of the players in the market supply both energy and sport drinks. However, they seem to focus their marketing on energy drinks rather than sports drinks because the sports drink market value is only USD 75-100 million, compared to USD 350 million for the energy drinks market. As a result, rivalry in the energy drink segment is higher.

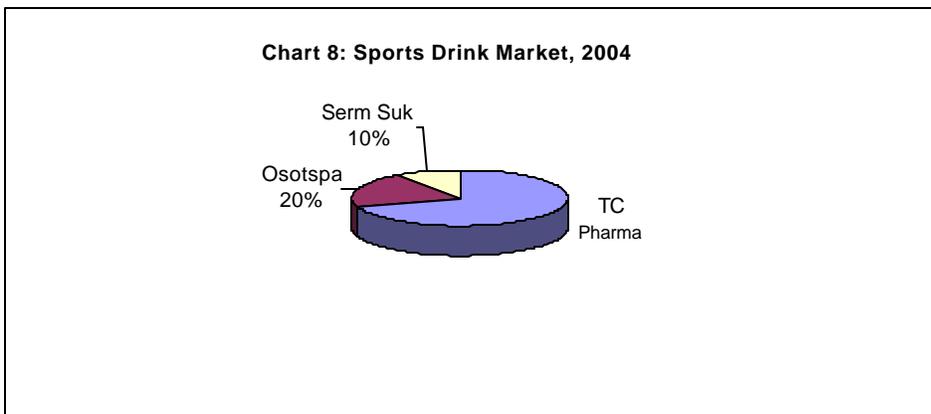
An 'energy drink' is one specifically marketed as providing 'energy', which is often in the form of a protein or caffeine. In the energy segment in 2004, the total market value of energy drinks was over USD 350 million with only five percent growth due to government restrictions on advertising and caffeine content. The Thai government prohibits energy drinks to advertise qualifications and advantages of the products, so major players have turned to advertising brand image instead. The caffeine content is also limited for energy drinks while there is no caffeine limitation in cola drinks or RTD coffee.

Red Bull brand, of TC Pharmaceutical Industry, is the market leader with an export value of over USD 225 million, which is over 95 percent of the country's export value. Its current share is 54 percent. Another major player is Osotspa that launched several brands including M150, Lipovitan, Shark, and Magnum for different target markets. The company launched a canned energy drink called MMAX in 2003 with an expectation to tap first-time drinkers. The energy drinks market reached saturation point with growth at only three percent in 2004. The company believes that new generation consumers are reluctant to drink traditional drinks and they will be confident holding MMAX cans. Osotspa's current share is 34 percent. Carabao Dang, the newest major player entering the market in 2002 had 12 percent share. Carabao Dang is produced by SPM and distributed by Serm Suk.



A 'sports drink' is one that specifically claims to provide a health benefit to a consumer. The sports drink market was valued at between USD 75 and 100 million in 2004. Sponsor's (TC Pharmaceutical Industry) share accounts for 70 percent of the total market, followed by M-Sport (Osotspa) 20 percent, and Gatorade (Serm Suk) 10 percent.

Gatorade is a premium brand selling at USD 50 cents per bottle compared to Sponsor that sells only USD 20 cents per bottle. Its bottler, Serm Suk, has an excellent distribution network.



5) RTD Green Tea

The total value of the RTD green tea market in 2004 was around USD 150 million, increasing from USD 75 million in 2003. RTD green tea is the fastest growing segment in the Thai non-alcoholic beverages market; its value was only USD 10 million, or 74 percent of the total RTD tea market in 2002.

In 2004, Uni-President was the market leader with a share of 45 percent that included 40 percent Unif brand and another five percent from Chaleewang brand. Second is Oishi green tea, occupying 33 percent with sales revenue of around USD 50 million in 2004. They expect to increase to USD 87.5 million in 2005 in line with total market growth. Sencha brand of Ajinomoto holds six percent.

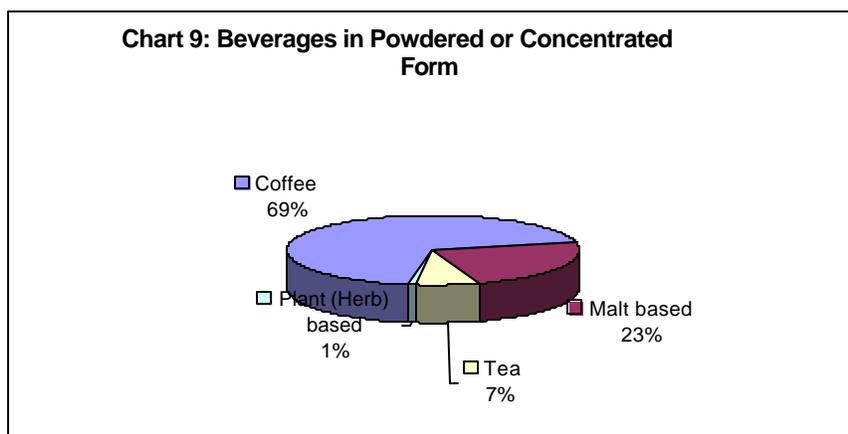
6) RTD Coffee

The Thai market for coffee is valued over USD 315 million. This is comprised of instant coffee and three-in-one earning USD 170 million, RTD coffee with USD 82.5 million, and fresh ground coffee at USD 82.5 million.

The popularity of fresh ground coffee has eaten up the RTD coffee segment during past five years. As a result, the RTD coffee growth is not outstanding compared to other RTD drinks. Major players are Nescafe and Birdy brand of Ajinomoto, with shares of 35 and 30 percent respectively. The remaining share is divided among other local small players.

7) Beverages in Powdered or Concentrated Form

The market for beverages in powdered or concentrated forms for home or HRI food-service use grew eight percent in 2004 to USD 325 million. Overall growth of beverages in powdered or concentrated forms benefited from the performance of coffee, tea and other beverages, with coffee playing the most significant role in terms of sales. This is an area where U.S. beverages are likely to be competitive. Instant coffee has the highest share in the segment with around 69 percent market share. Nescafe is the major brand with 86 percent of the coffee market. Instant tea is achieving 1.2 percent growth, as the major growth in tea consumption is in RTD green tea. Malt based beverages remain flat in the market. Milo and Ovaltine are two major brands for this sector. Plant based hot drinks hold one percent.



8) Milk

Most domestic raw milk in Thailand is processed for RTD milk. According to the Department of Industry, the number of the factories registered for producing dairy products was 152 factories in 2004.

The size of the ready-to-drink milk sector was around USD 500 million in 2004 and is estimated to increase by five percent in 2005. This sector experienced strong growth in the

past, mainly due to greater access to refrigeration in the rural areas and more effective distribution channels. This sector is rather fragmented and is populated with small companies that do not have significant market presence. Key players in this sector are Foremost Friesland, CP Meiji, Nongpho Dairy Cooperative, Nestle, Thai Dairy Industry, and Dairy Farming Promotion Organization. (See Table 3). UHT milk has the highest share in the market with around 64 percent of the whole milk market due to its longer shelf and less developed cold chain. The major manufacturers are Foremost, Nong Pho Ratchburi Dairy Cooperative, and Thai Dairy Industry. Pasteurized milk represents 33.5 percent of the milk market. The major manufacturers are C.P. Meiji, Foremost Friesland, Dutch Mill, and Nong Pho Ratchburi Dairy Cooperative. Sterilized milk represents only 2.5 percent of the milk market. Nestle, Thai Dairy Industry, and Dutch Mill are the major manufacturers. Quotas protect the Thai industry from fresh milk imports. Growth in import quotas has been matched by increases in the market demand for milk.

Table 3: Share of Milk Manufacturers/Recombiners, 2004

Milk Manufacturers/Recombiners	Percent	
	Share	
Foremost Friesland	33	
CP Meiji	19	
Nong Pho Dairy Cooperative	14	
Nestlé	11	
Thai Dairy Industry	5	
Dairy Farming Promotion Org	4	
Mali Samphan	4	
Dairy Plus	3	
Dutch Mill	2	
Private label	2	
United Dairy Foods	1	
Others	2	
Total	100	

Source: Trade associations, Trade press, Interviews, Euromonitor

Section III. Advantages and Challenges

Advantages	Challenges
Locally sourced ingredients for U.S. branded beverages must meet U.S. specifications	Carbonated drinks segment dominated by locally produced products
Local carbonated beverage producers are looking for non-carbonated alternatives to add to their product range	Japanese non-carbonated beverage producers have positions in the market
Increasing health awareness among Thai consumers	High competition among drink and beverage market sectors
Increasing number of educated consumers, confident to try something innovative	Competition very high for RTD, powdered, roasted and retail coffee. Market already saturated
Large market for imported fruit and vegetable juice concentrates	RTD tea market already saturated
Brand image is the most important factor in marketing energy drinks	Functional sports beverages have failed to find a substantial market

Energy drinks well established in the market	Consumer health preference derived from perception rather than science
Consumers trust health claims approved by U.S. FDA	Purchasing of alternative beverages closely linked to disposable income
Thai market has grown to include major provincial centers	Plant and herbal based beverages are traditionally made from herbs specific to Thailand
Major improvements in Thai 'cold chain between 2000-2005	Year round supply and consistent pricing required by Thai importers
Milk now a component of the Thai diet	Thai FDA approval process time consuming and lacks transparency
Consumers willing to pay a premium for imported products	Market uncertainty and unwillingness to take risks before conclusion of Thai – U.S. FTA
Thailand continues to import dairy solids to cover milk deficit	Thailand has lowest per capita beverage consumption in Southeast Asia

Section IV. Market Sector Opportunities and Threats

Distribution within the Thai non-alcoholic beverage market can be divided into two major channels: 'off-trade' such as convenience stores, supermarkets, hypermarkets, independent food stores and local stores and 'on-trade' such as public houses, bars, nightclubs, restaurants and hotels.

The total shares of non-alcoholic beverage sales through these two channels are almost equal, but off-trade channel involvement seems to increase annually. In 2004, the off-trade channel accounted for 45 percent of the total non-alcoholic beverage sales value. The remaining 55 percent is sold through on-trade channel.

Off-trade volume sales have increased from 40 percent in the previous two years mainly due to fast growing of modern retail outlets, especially modern supermarkets and hypermarkets. Product distribution is very effective due to the expansion of convenience stores throughout the country.

A) Carbonated Drinks and Bottled Water

On-trade sales play an important role in the carbonated drinks and bottled water sector. In 2004, carbonated drinks and bottled water sales value through on-trade channel were estimated at around 56 percent and 51 percent respectively. These high sales are because Thai consumers generally drink carbonated drinks and bottled water when they are eating out rather than in-house.

In 2004, carbonated drinks sales through the off-trade channel were 44 percent of total carbonated drinks sales. Many consumers still drink carbonated drinks only for special occasions due to health concerns. However, many households always have carbonated drinks in their refrigerator. Expansion of modern retail outlets and heavy advertising by carbonated drink suppliers has lead consumers to drink carbonated drinks regularly at home. Bottled water sales through the off-trade channel is 49 percent of total bottled sales value. Convenience stores have increased their distribution share due to rising numbers of outlets.

B) Fruit/Vegetable Juice

Fruit and vegetable juice is mainly sold through the off-trade channel. We estimate that off-trade sales of fruit and vegetable juice accounted for 55 percent in 2004.

C) Functional Drinks

Functional drinks are sold mostly through independent food stores and petrol station shops, as most consumers tend to be workers such as truck drivers and laborers. Independent food stores are the leading distribution channels for functional drinks, with an estimated 50 percent share. Convenience stores are expected to distribute around 25 percent of the market value. The remaining 20 percent is sold through supermarkets and hypermarkets.

D) RTD Tea and Coffee

Independent food stores are also a major distribution channel for RTD tea and coffee with 44 percent share by value. Around 26 percent of RTD tea and coffee sales value are sold through supermarkets and hypermarkets. Convenience shares around 24 percent of off-trade sales value.

Table 4: Off-Trade Sales of Non-Alcoholic Beverages by Sector and Distribution Channel, 2004

% Off-Trade	Carbonated Drinks	Fruit & Vegetable Juice	Bottled Water	Functional Drinks	Concentrate	RTD Tea	RTD Coffee	Thai Health Drinks*
Supermarket/hypermarkets	34	34	29	20	80	26	26	54
Independent stores	38	41	34	50	15	44	44	10
Convenience Stores	18	20	20	25	3	24	24	26
Vendors and Others	10	5	17	5	2	6	6	10
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Source: Euromonitor and Trade Sources

*Includes soy beverages, corn beverages, sesame drink, rice beverages and pumpkin drink

Section V. Consumption

A) Market Trends- Next Five Years

Both on-trade and off-trade sales are predicted to increase continuously. However, off-trade sales are expected to increase at 5-8 percent, higher than on-trade sales growth due to the aggressive expansion of modern off-trade outlets such as convenience stores, supermarkets, hypermarkets, and petrol station outlets, which are widespread through the country, particularly in regional cities. This supports distribution effectiveness together with product availability of non-alcoholic beverages including carbonated drinks, bottled water, fruit and vegetable juice, functional drinks, RTD tea, RTD coffee, and local specialty drinks (soy, rice and cereal beverages).

1) Carbonated Drinks

Carbonated drinks will continue to grow at a slower growth rate compared to past records and when compared to growth of fruit and vegetable juice sales. Thailand has the greatest potential for growth in Asia due to low per-capita soft-drink consumption. Only 100 bottles a

year per person are consumed compared with 500 bottles in Australia and almost 200 bottles in the Philippines. Carbonated suppliers are likely to increase the frequency of marketing activities to stimulate consumption of non-alcoholic beverages to keep up with the growth of non-carbonated drinks; 3-4 percent annual growth is expected from 2005-2010.

2) Fruit and Vegetable Juice

Fruit and vegetable juice is estimated to show high growth of over 10 percent from 2005-2010. Sales of fruit and vegetable juice are expected to increase continuously due to consumers switching from carbonated drinks to more healthy drinks. Consumers are increasingly concerned with the quality of products and good packaging. Medium to high-end consumers will shift from homemade fruit juice product vendors to well-packaged fruit and vegetable drinks.

3) Bottled Water

Thai consumers want safe and hygienic bottled drinking water. Consumers buy bottled water because it is perceived as a healthy alternative to other beverages. Bottled water with good packaging will increase in popularity. Increasing numbers of convenience stores and consumers' health consciousness will drive up sales of bottled water with expected growth around 5-7 percent during 2005-2010. Meanwhile, rivalry in the market will increase as many beverage producers have launched their own brands with a lower pricing strategy. Even large discount stores have launched their own brands in the market at a lower price.

4) Functional Drinks

The energy drink market is expected to grow at rate of only 2-3 percent from 2005-2010 due to government restrictions on energy drink advertising and growing consumer health consciousness. Intense competition among energy drink suppliers will continue due to its large market value. Most suppliers will continue try to expand their market to teen consumers with new packaging or even new brands.

5) RTD Tea

RTD green tea will continue to grow in 2005. From 2005-2010, we see contraction in an already over-heated segment, followed by consolidation and failure of many players.

6) RTD Coffee

The RTD coffee market is reaching a saturation point as the popularity of fresh made coffee continually increases. Availability of fresh ground coffee together with increasing health conscious is expected to limit growth of the market.

7) Milk

Increasing consumer spending, health awareness with regards to dairy content, as well as continued aggressive marketing campaigns from players and the public sector are significant factors that will boost growth in total sales of the milk market. Successes in an ambitious national school milk program over many years combined with major improvements in the cold chain across the country have seen the milk market boom.

Retail sales volumes and the value of milk have increased continuously year by year; its growth rate is fast as RTD green tea and fruit juice (see Tables 6 and 7).

In Thailand, the government school milk program has played a key role in promoting milk consumption in the country as a whole. Total milk consumption rose from eight liters per person per year in 1993 to 12 liters per person in 1997 and continues to grow, but at a slower rate. Currently, per capita milk consumption is up to 14 liters a year. A generation of milk-drinkers is out of school and the country has a functioning dairy industry. School milk consumption in Thailand is around 30 percent of overall milk consumption.

The government campaign to encourage people to drink milk on a regular basis is a major growth driver in dairy product sales. Milk is expected to continue its expansion in line with growing consumer demand driven by public and private campaigns. In addition, growth in the total sales volume of milk continues to benefit from an increase in the number of supermarkets and hypermarkets, widening the geographical coverage across the country. These supermarkets and hypermarkets are competing with each other, offering an 'everyday low price' strategy in both food and non-food products. As a result, consumers tend to gain from this aggressive retail competition and are able to consume products with seasonal lower prices, including packaged milk products.

Table 5: Retail Sales Volume of RTD Milk, 2000-2003

	Million Litres				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
RTD Milk	85	95	105	114	123
RTD Flav Milk	129	135	142	147	152
Fermented Dairy Drinks	72	78	85	91	94
Soy beverages	120	129	137	145	154

Source: Euromonitor, Trade Press

Table 6: Retail Sales Value of RTD Milk, 2000-2003

	THB Million				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
RTD Milk	3,411	3,575	3,899	4,180	4,410
RTD Flav Milk	4,311	4,536	4,771	4,962	5,185
Fermented dairy drinks	4,091	4,433	4,817	5,173	5,380
Soy beverages	3,150	3,700	4,100	4,600	5,000

8) Soy Beverages

Soy beverages are considered to be a healthy dairy alternative. Soy beverages captured 85-90 percent of the overall dairy-alternatives market. The remainder belongs to drinks made from rice, oats, and corn. Soy beverages currently have around 25 percent market share in the overall market for milk and milk alternatives, rising from only 14 percent in 1998. It is estimated that its value in 2004 grew by around 10-15 percent to USD 125 million.

In the past, there was not much rivalry in the soy beverage market because there were only two major manufacturers; Green Spot (Vitamilk) and Lactasoy. Newer players include Serm Suk, branded 'Yeo', Dutch Mill (DNA) and Nestle (SoyPlus). Growth of the market was spurred by the entry of Serm Suk's 'Yeo' soy beverage brand into the market in late 1999. The 'Yeo' brand made its first debut by proclaiming itself a 100 percent soy beverage, however, the company has already ceased producing 'Yeo' in 2004 due to unsuccessful

performance. Another boost was the entry of Dutchmill 'DNA' soy beverage drink brand into the fray last August. Besides the expansion of the domestic market, the export market for Thai soy beverages is attractive due to its continued increases in sales, particularly in Singapore and Malaysia. Thailand is a producer of soybeans, but production is less than 300,000 MT annually. Thai soybean demand is almost 2.0 million tons annually. Less expensive imports from South America, especially Brazil, are threatening the U.S. market share of Thai soybean imports.

Green Spot, the producer and distributor of Vitamilk and V-soy is the leader of the soy beverage market with around 70 percent share. The next is Lactasoy with 20 percent share, followed by Dutch Mill with DNA, at 2-3 percent share.

Further information on the Thai market for soybeans is included in: 'Thailand: Oilseeds and Products Annual, 2005' which is available on the Internet at www.fas.usda.gov; search using the report's reference number, TH 5047.

9) Rice Based Beverages

Rice based beverages are produced from young rice. They were launched into the market as an alternative to milk both in pasteurized and UHT form (natural, chocolate, and vanilla flavors). The rice beverage market value in 2004 was around USD 7.5 million. Major players in the market include 'Lady Sirin' of P Green Herb, Sriruean of Far East Home Made, D-rice of Thanyathip, and Mechieang of Somboon factory. Mechieang controls the market with a share of around 80 percent. Lady Sirin, Sriruean, and D-Rice have equal shares of three percent each while Supreme rice accounts for 10 percent.

Further information on the Thai market for rice is included in: 'Thailand: Grain and Feed Annual, 2005' available on the Internet at www.fas.usda.gov; search using the report's reference number, TH 5030.

10) Corn Based Beverages

Corn based beverages are made from fresh corn grains. Fresh corn beverages are produced locally by small vendors, and are available throughout the country in PET bottles. There are three big producers in the market: Malee, Tipco, and Corn Fresh. The total market for cereal drinks is around USD 11.8 million, of which USD 4.5 million is for corn-based beverages.

Cereal drinks sales are not motivating other new players to enter the market because the segment is relatively small with low growth. This will not stop corn-based beverage producers from entering the market, with corn-based beverages likely to cannibalize market share from other cereal drinks. There is considerable room for beverages containing peas or pulses in this market.

Further information on the Thai market for corn is included in: 'Thailand: Grain and Feed Annual, 2005' which is available on the Internet at www.fas.usda.gov; search using the report's reference number, TH 5030.

B) Demographics and Consumer Purchasing Habits

Consumption has grown steadily in Thailand since recovering from the 1997 currency crisis. (See Table 4, below). Demand for non-alcoholic beverages in regional centers in Thailand is growing at a significantly faster pace than in Bangkok. Developments of large hypermarkets, particularly Lotus and Big C, have seen an efficient cold-chain spread across the country. The variety of non-alcoholic beverages in regional centers is equal to that in similar stores in

Bangkok. Despite disruption to tourism from the December 2004 tsunami and civil unrest in the three border provinces, demand for non-alcoholic beverages in the five southernmost Thai provinces of Satun, Songkhla, Pattani, Narathiwat and Yala is growing at a significantly faster rate than the rest of the country. Previously, local entrepreneurs bought goods in neighboring provinces and transported the goods in for sale in small stores.

Table 7: Thailand's Private Consumption Index, 2000-2004

Private Consumption Index	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004P*
Private Consumption Index (1995 = 100)	100	103	107	112	116
Sales of beverages					
Beer (thousand litres)	1141980	1217127	1237252	1548318	1274444
Liquor (20,000 litres)	34810	37556	37274	37950	31600
Soda and soft drinks (million litres)	1485	1609	1682	1919	1630
Sales of vehicles (unit)					
Motorcycles	796283	926860	1316432	1687132	1585065
Passenger cars	83125	104559	126330	179418	168351
Quantity sales of benzine (million litres)	9762	6857	7322	7631	6422
Household electricity consumption (million kw-hrs)	19396	21178	21963	23330	20708
Value added tax	91222	94394	106164	124433	114162
Import of consumer products (USD million)	6761	6330	6894	7869	7610

Source: Bank of Thailand

* Jan-Oct

- Coffee

Coffee consumption in Thailand reached 130 cups per person per year in 2004. This compares with 150 cups in the Philippines and 167 cups in Malaysia. Three-in-one instant coffee (coffee with non-dairy creamer and sugar added) has shown continuous growth up to 40 percent from 2003 to USD 62.5 million. For roasted coffee Nescafe remains dominant in the market, with 80 percent share, Birdy from Ajinomoto, eight percent, followed by Moccona and Khao Chong, six percent and four percent respectively.

Coffee growers have been focusing on boosting domestic sales, as exports have been falling in volume and international prices have been weak. Exports now account for 10 percent of coffee grown in Thailand, compared with 70 percent in 1989. Coffee-shop chains, both local and international have been expanding, and Nestle has become the first international company to use a local coffee-processing plant in Chachoengsao. The coffee grower's association has set up the company Coffee Farmer with a factory in Chumphon province to process coffee beans into packaged gourmet coffee as well as three-in-one instant coffee, the latter product was introduced in July 2003, and has been selling well. Moreover, premium grade instant coffee has increased by 5 percent from 2003, to USD 5 million.

The market for tealeaves and tea bags in Thailand is small compared to other kinds of hot drinks such as coffee or malt based products. At present, Thais consume approximately 1-2 kg per person, per year. The value of the Thai tea market is approximately USD 12.5-15 million, which is low compared to the newly growing market of RTD tea.

The tea market in Thailand can be divided into three categories: Chinese tea 80%, herbal tea 10%, and special grade tea 10%. Chinese tea has long been present in Thailand, and growth

in this area is quite steady. The herbal tea market is growing in response to health conscious consumers. Because Thailand has many local varieties of herbal plants there are various types of herbal products in this area. The major producers of herbal tea are small Thai companies. One example is Ranong tea, a well-known tea brand in Thailand. There are two main players in Thailand's tea market, Lipton tea (Unilever) 67%, Nestea (Nestle) 19%, other brands 14%. In 2005, Nestle and Unilever have focused more on RTD tea.

Malt-based hot drinks have been sold in Thailand for over 30 years. Ovaltine and Milo are the two major beverages. The market is static, increasing by 1.5 percent in 2004. Ovaltine holds 68 percent of the market.

Plant-based hot drinks represent a value of USD 2.5 million. In the past, the main consumers of herbal hot drinks were in the older age segments. However, this trend is changing as Thais become more conscious of the benefits of herbal remedies, especially digestive remedies, medicated skin care, cold and weight reduction products. The products in this sector include roselle (flower), galangal, ginger, safflower, sesame, tamarind, and various herbs that have been transformed to instant beverages.

Section VI. Policy/ Market Access Issues Effecting Non-Alcoholic Beverages

A) General Issues Effecting Non-Alcoholic Beverages

In general, Thailand has complied with its WTO obligations with regard to non-alcoholic beverages. Imported dairy ingredients are a notable exception. Although Thailand has fixed its bound rates, the applied tariff rates in many cases are lower than the WTO bound rates. Thailand maintains tariff-rate quotas for some agricultural products. Thailand has been a member of the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Free Trade Area, called AFTA, since 1991. AFTA set up preferential applied tariffs between Thailand and other ASEAN countries on most agricultural products, with levels currently between 0-5 percent.

In addition to the WTO and AFTA, Thailand is entering into regional and bilateral trade negotiations that will allow improved access to new markets overseas. Similarly, Thailand's trading partners will have greater access to the Thai market. Thailand launched bilateral free trade with China on specific products (fresh vegetables and fruits) in 2003 under the auspices of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area. Thailand concluded and signed a comprehensive free trade agreement with Australia in late 2004 and New Zealand in 2005. As a result, tariffs for most agricultural products imported from these two countries have been reduced. In addition, Thailand is moving ahead to conclude bilateral free trade negotiations with the United States, Japan, South Korea, India and Bahrain.

Given that FTA negotiations between Thailand and the U.S. are still pending, the implementation of free trade areas with other agricultural exporting countries, particularly China, Australia and New Zealand, will negatively impact U.S. agricultural exports to Thailand in the short term. The most affected forms of non-alcoholic beverages include, dairy products, and raw ingredients such as fruits and vegetables and dry ingredients used in local production of non-alcoholic beverages.

In the Thai market for non-alcoholic beverages, the Thai – Australian FTA will have the following effects:

- Thailand immediately eliminated the previous tariffs on infant formula (5%), lactose (up to 20%), casein and milk albumin (10%),

- Thailand provided an immediate additional quota for Australia of 2,200 MT for skim milk powder and 120 tons for liquid milk and cream, expanding by 17% at five-yearly intervals until 2025, when all tariffs and quotas will be eliminated, and
- Thailand agreed to phase out the tariffs for other milk powder and concentrates in 2020.

For the Thai market for non-alcoholic beverages, the Thai – New Zealand FTA will have the following effects:

- Tariffs on infant milk formula (currently 5%), casein (5%), lactose (up to 10%) and protein concentrates (5%) will be eliminated on implementation,
- Tariffs on buttermilk (5%), and milk protein concentrates (5%) will be removed by 2009, and
- The 18% tariff on whole milk powder will drop to 15% on implementation and phase out by 2020.

Further information on U.S. agricultural trade issues with Thailand are included in: 'Thailand: Trade Policy Monitoring Annual, 2005', which is available on the Internet at www.fas.usda.gov; search using the report's reference number, TH 5026.

B) Food Regulations

Thailand's food industry is governed by the Food Act of 2522 (1979) and subsequent laws stipulated by the Ministry of Public Health. In general, imports of food for sale in the kingdom require an import license and standard labeling according to domestic regulations. Product registration is required only for *specifically controlled food*. Some agencies of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives monitor the import of such certain food products as meat, fruits and vegetables through import permits and phytosanitary or sanitary certificates. In addition, 23 agricultural commodities are subject to the tariff-rate-quota system administered by the Ministry of Commerce. Categories relevant to non-alcoholic beverages are as follows

No.	Type of Food	Remarks
I.	Specifically-Controlled Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For food imports for sale, import license, product registration and labeling approval are needed.
3	Modified Milk for Infants	
4	Flavored Milk	
5	Cultured Milk	
6	Milk	
7	Drinking Water in Sealed Containers	
9	Other Milk Products	

II.	Standardized Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For food imports for sale, import license and labeling approval are needed. As for table salt, no labeling approval is needed.
10	Coffee	
60	Mineral Drinks	
80	Tea	
10	Soybean Milk in Sealed Containers	
18	Mineral Water	

In addition, Ministerial Notification No. 193, 2543 (2000), 'Method of Food Manufacturing and Equipment for Manufacturing Food and Food Storage, has been applied to all domestic manufacturers and imported suppliers of 54 types of products. The covered products under this regulation effecting non-alcoholic beverages are:

Infant food and uniform food for infant and children
Supplementary food for infant and children
Modified milk for infant and uniform modified milk for infant and children
Drinking water in sealed containers
Beverages in sealed containers
Food in sealed containers
Cow's milk
Cultured milk
Flavored milk
Milk products
Tea
Coffee
Natural mineral water
Vinegar
Mineral drinks
Soybean milk in sealed containers

Domestic manufacturers of these products are obligated to comply with the method of food manufacturing, tools and equipment for manufacturing food, and food storage according to the Good Practice in Food Manufacturing laws for general sanitation. Meanwhile, any importer of the covered products must present an equivalent certificate of GMP for certain factories or plants, which manufacture those products in line with the Thai GMP Law.

For U.S. food products, Thai FDA officials agree that U.S. practices are acceptable under the present Thai GMP Law. Accordingly, any simple statement/certificate that is endorsed by U.S. government agencies will be acceptable. The statement may contain sayings like 'the food product is manufactured by U.S. processing plant which is subject to 21CFR part 110'.

C) Tariff Rate Quotas

Thailand was permitted tariff rate quotas on several items. The Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce is monitoring the imports of these products and requires that any importer must apply for an import permit. The covered commodities under the TRQ system relevant to non-alcoholic beverages are as follows:

Milk	Tea
Flavored milk	Rice
Skim milk	Soy beans
Coffee bean	Instant coffee

Table 8: Wholesale and Retail Prices of RTD Milk, 2004

RTD Milk	Wholesale (THB) (ave box/bottle)	Retail Price (THB)	
		box/bottle	6 boxes
UHT			
size 180 cc natural/ flavoured	6	7-8	38-42.25
size 200 cc natural/ flavoured	7	7.5-9	38.75-45
size 250 cc natural/ flavoured	9	10-10.5	56.5-60.5
size 250 cc skim	8	9-10	46.5-52
size 450 cc natural/ flavoured	14	15.75-18	-
size 750 cc natural	18	20.25-22.5	-
size 750 cc flavoured	18	20.25-23	-
Pasteurized			
size 200 cc natural/ flavoured	6	7-8.5	-
size 250 cc natural/ flavoured	10	11-11.5	-
size 400 cc natural	14	15-16	-
size 400 cc flavoured	14	15-16.25	-
size 450 cc natural	15	16-18.25	-
size 450 cc flavoured	15	17.5-19.5	-
size 500 cc natural	17	19.5-20.5	-
size 500 cc flavoured	17	20-21	-
size 750 cc natural	22	26-28	-
size 750 cc flavoured	23	26.5-28.75	-
size 800 cc natural	23	26.5-29.5	-
size 800 cc flavoured	23	27-30.5	-
size 830 cc natural	23	27-31.5	-
size 830 cc flavoured	26	30-32	-
size 946 cc natural	27	31.5-33	-
size 2,000 cc natural	54	66.5	-
size 5,000 cc natural	101	126	-
Sterilized (145 cc) Bear Brand			
1 can	8	8.75-10	-
12 cans	-	95	-

Source: Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Survey

D) Labeling Requirements

Labeling requirements for coffee are stipulated in Ministerial Notification No. 276 of 2540 (1997), and labeling requirements for tea are stipulated in Ministerial Notification No. 277 of 2540 (1997).

Further information on Thailand's food and agricultural import regulations and standards are included in: 'Thailand: FAIRS Product Specific Country 2004', which is available on the Internet at www.fas.usda.gov ; search using the report's reference number, TH 4079.

Section VII. Marketing

A) Costs and Prices

Cost and pricing information from point of market entry to point of sale changes rapidly. Thailand is a relatively free market, with some exceptions. Examples of local retail pricing of various non-alcoholic beverages in June 2005 are included in the following tables.

Wholesale and retail prices of UHT, pasteurized, and sterilized milk are shown in Table 8. UHT and pasteurized milk prices are almost the same while sterilized milk is more expensive mainly due to its packaging cost.

Table 9: Soy Beverage Retail Prices

Brand	Quantity (cc)	Price/Box (THB)	Price/100 cc (THB)
Yeo	250	8	3
VitaMilk	300	10	3
	200	7	4
	250	8	3
	1000	30	3
V-Soy	250	9	4
Lactasoy	500	14	3
	200	7	4
	300	10	3

Source: Survey

Table 10: Rice Beverage Retail Prices

Brand	Quantity/Bottle (cc)	Price/Bottle (THB)	Price/100 cc (THB)
Lady Sirin	300	40	13
Srireuan	220	35	14
D-rice	200	10	5
Mechieang	200	10	5
Supreme Rice*	200	10	5

Note: *Pasteurized

Table 11: Retail Coffee Prices, 2005

Brand/Quantity	Price
<i>Instant Coffee</i>	
Nestcafe – 200 gram	THB 89
Moccona – 200 gram	THB 91
Buddy Dean – 200 gram	THB 70
Super Save – 200 gram	THB 74
Taster Choice Green – 113 gram	THB 300
Taster Choice Red – 56.6 gram	THB 161
Taster Choice Brown – 113 gram	THB 113
Moccona Select – 400 gram	THB 156
Nestcafe Gold (Refilled) – 35 gram	THB 59
Nestcafe Gold (Refilled) – 70 gram	THB 109
Nestcafe Gold – 100 gram	THB 209
Nestcafe Gold – 200 gram	THB 395
Nestcafe Red Cup – 100 gram	THB 46
Nestcafe Red Cup (Refilled) – 200 gram	THB 89
Nestcafe (Refilled) – 400 gram	THB 325
Nestcafe Gold Blend – 100 gram	THB 233
<i>Three In One Coffee</i>	
Nestcafe 18 gram – 10 sachets	THB 29.50
Nestcafe 30 gram – 18 sachets	THB 82.50
Nestcafe Turbo 18 gram – 30 sachets	THB 83.50
Nestcafe Turbo 18 gram – 40 sachets	THB 119
Khao Chong Coffee Mix 15 gram – 30 sachets	THB 77
Super Coffee Mix 20 gram – 10 sachets	THB 28
Super Coffee Mix 20 gram – 30 sachets	THB 78
Super Save 20 gram – 30 sachets	THB 73

Table 12: Retail Malt Based Beverage Prices, 2005

Brand/Quantity	Price
<i>Ovaltine</i>	
Ovaltine 100 gram – glass bottle	THB 27
Ovaltine 200 gram – glass bottle	THB 45
Ovaltine 400 gram – glass bottle	THB 75
Ovaltine White Malt 200 gram – glass bottle	THB 54
Ovaltine White Malt 400 gram – glass bottle	THB 91
Ovaltine 75 gram – refilled	THB 14
Ovaltine 150 gram – refilled	THB 33
Ovaltine 300 gram – refilled	THB 43
Ovaltine 400 gram – refilled	THB 55
Ovaltine 900 gram – refilled	THB 102
Ovaltine White Malt 400 gram – refilled	THB 74
Ovaltine White Malt 35 gram – 5 sachets in package	THB 39
Ovaltine Swiss Formular High Calcium 300 gram – refilled	THB 83
Ovaltine Yen 3-in-1 – 18 sachets in package	THB 105
Ovaltine 3-in-1 700 gram	THB 102
<i>Milo</i>	
Milo 70 gram – refilled	THB 12
Milo 100 gram – refilled	THB 25
Milo 400 gram – refilled	THB 55
Milo 1000 gram – refilled	THB 109
Milo 3-in-1 – 20 sachets in package	THB 93
Milo 3-in-1 770 gram	THB 97

B) Suggested Entry Strategies

There are several ways for U.S. suppliers to enter the Thai market. Probably the most effective way is to appoint a reputable and experienced local importer or distributor. Local firms will have a good understanding of the market and know how to make direct contact with importers, end users, government officials and other key contacts. A good local importer/distributor can also provide valuable support in arranging meetings and promotional events, translating technical information, placing advertisements in local trade publications and other marketing and sales activities. Trade shows are also effective ways to promote new products. Food Ingredients Asia, Food and Hotel Asia, the International Food and Hospitality Show and other food and beverage shows, in Thailand, Singapore and elsewhere in Southeast Asia, are usually well attended by Thai beverage companies. See www.usdathailand.org for further details of recommended shows.

U.S. market development cooperators are also active in Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries. These groups offer many marketing opportunities for U.S. firms including trade team visits, technical seminars, local promotional events, and other activities. Cooperators with active programs in Thailand and other regional countries include the U.S. Grains Council, U.S. Meat Export Federation, U.S. Dry Pea and Lentil Council, U.S. Dairy Export Council, various U.S. fruit and nut associations, as well as several state and regional groups such as WUSATA, SUSTA, and MIATCO. See contacts at the end of this report.

Direct contact with local food service importers is the best entry strategy for U.S. exporters. Normally hotels and resorts do not import food directly in volumes attractive to U.S. exporters. It is easier for hotels and resorts to order from food service companies because they specialize in providing high quality U.S. products to the five-star hotel and restaurant industry. Restaurants such as fast food chains or family style restaurants also order and purchase imported food from food service companies or from their affiliate companies who act as their distributors. Five star hotels and resorts are highly recommended for U.S. exporters. International food restaurants located in prime areas of Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Samui Island, Phuket and Phi Phi island are secondary recommendations for U.S. exporters. Direct contact with Thai Airways International's catering department is highly recommended.

The best way for U.S. exporters to sell to Thai supermarkets, super-centers and hypermarkets is to directly contact importers and distributors. U.S. exporters should be aware that many multi-national retailers in Thailand charge listing fees or a listing allowance for new products. The fee will be charged in accordance with a formula based on the number of retail outlets and SKU.

The best way for U.S. exporters to sell ingredients to Thai beverage manufacturers is to directly contact the manufacturer. A list of beverage manufacturers is included with this report.

Section VIII. Contacts Thailand

A) USDA Thailand

For general information on exporting non-alcoholic beverages or other food and agricultural exports to Thailand, please see Thailand: Exporter Guide Annual, 2004'. This report is available on the Internet at www.fas.usda.gov; search using the report's reference number, TH 4123.

For specific information on non-alcoholic beverages contact:

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service

The Foreign Agricultural Service in Bangkok maintains up-to-date information covering non-alcoholic beverage import opportunities in Thailand and would be pleased to assist in facilitating U.S. exports and entry to the Thai market. Questions or comments regarding this report should be directed to following:

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Mr. Chockchai Supavanich/ Factory Director

Company Profile

The Thai Dairy Industry Co., Ltd. was set up in 1962 as a joint venture between Thai and Malaysian Business with the Australian Dairy Corporation and was granted investment promotion privileges by the Board of Investment. The goal of the company was to manufacture dairy products to international standards in order to improve the health of Thai consumers. The company's factory in Samutprakarn province became the first factory in Thailand to manufacture sweetened condensed milk. Launched in the market in 1965, Mali sweetened condensed milk is manufactured utilizing the latest technology. Since that time, "Mali" has become a leading brand and along with the company's other products is highly regarded by consumers. With a steady growth in demand through the years, a new, larger and more advanced plant has been constructed to take the company into the next century.

Products

- Condensed Milk (Mali & Orchid brand), Evaporated Full/ Filled Milk (Birdwings brand)/ Non-Dairy Creamer ("Birdwings" brand)
Mali Sweetened Condensed Milk- Mali Sweetened Condensed Milk is the most well-known and popular product among Thai consumers. It is used in almost every household in Thailand. In addition, it is also exported to Cambodia, Myanmar and the United States of America.
- Sterilized Milk ("Orchid" brand), UHT Milk ("Mali" brand), Mali Ultraman UHT Milk, coconut cream in "brik packs" and cans, and "Orchid" butter

Export Market

Complementing the strong market position of Thai Dairy Industry in the domestic market, the company distributes dairy products in several markets, including Hong Kong, Singapore, and other neighboring Asian countries. The company can produce product packaged in tin cans, UHT boxes, and any labels which the customers desire. Tin Cans: There are 3 sizes: 140 ml., 390 grams, 405 grams. UHT Boxes: There are 4 sizes: 200 ml., 200ml. Slim, 250 ml., 1,000 ml.

2) Malee Sampran Public Company Limited

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Ms. Busara Makomol/ Products Manager

They are a manufacturer and distributor of canned fruit and vegetables, canned sweet corn, pineapple juice concentrate, fruit juice, UHT milk and Beverages.

SUBSIDIARY - Malee Enterprise Company Limited

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AFFILIATED COMPANY- Alliance Sales (Europe) Limited

Importer of pineapple juice concentrate.

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Company Profile

Malee Business began in 1964 and in 1978, the company was incorporated as Malee Sampran Factory Company Limited with initial registered capital of 10 million Baht, to manufacture and distribute canned foods and canned fruit. It has since changed its name to "Malee Sampran Public Company Limited". Since the beginning the Company has been considered as one of the best food and beverage companies with the main products of Malee brand canned fruit and canned and UHT fruit juices, which have been widely distributed both domestically and abroad.

Manufacturing Business Unit

The Manufacturing Business unit is responsible for the manufacturing of beverage products under the company's own brand and those of its business alliances. With internationally recognized standards of production and adequate production capacity, Malee Sampran Public Company Limited is trusted by leading international business alliances to manufacture products on their behalf for distribution in Thailand and overseas.

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Malee Brand Business Unit

The Malee Brand business unit focuses on the marketing and distribution of products under the brand name of Malee. With several world-class quality products "Malee Brand" is a name Thais are proud of and is respected globally. Today Malee brand products are widely accepted

with distribution in over 20 countries in 4 different continents. In order to cater to local tastes, in a number of countries Malee has made suitable adjustments in taste and packaging and developed new products.

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New Products in 2004:

Canned seasonal fruit and mixed fruit juice, 100% pomelo juice, sweet orange juice (with Pulp), 100% guava juice (fresh squeezed), and I-corn (corn milk).

3) Serm Suk Public Co., Ltd.

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Ms. Chintana/ QA Manager

Mr. Chalee Jitjarungporn/ Marketing Director Pepsi-Cola Thai Trading Co., Ltd.

Company History

Established in 1952 the company has 5 factories and 46 warehouses throughout the country. Their main business is manufacturing and distributing soft drinks (Pepsi, Mirinda, 7 Up, Dew brand), pure water (Crystal brand), Lipton tea, Lipton Wave green tea, Yeo soy milk, and Carabao Daeng.

Setting up the company was meant to be a solution to the unhealthy water problem, which was one of the causes of epidemics. Disease was then a major problem because Thailand's modern water systems were not widely distributed.

"Pepsi" is the favorite drink due to freshness, taste and quality. The company has expanded and fully integrated production and distribution by marketing new products, namely Mirinda, 7Up, Mountain Dew, Club Soda, Crystal drinking water, Lipton Ice tea and M 150.

New Products

Pepsi Fire and Pepsi Ice. The company used over 90 million Baht to promote these two new products. Asian super stars Tata Young and Vannes Wu are being used to promote the products with a target to increase the company's market share by one percent to 63% of the 30,000 million Baht market.

Sermsuk Public Co., Ltd. has bought 49% of total share in Sermsuk Y.H.S. Beverage Co., Ltd. from Yeo Hieb Seng (Malaysia) Co., Ltd. Sermsuk Y.H.S. Beverage is a joint venture between Yeo Hieb Seng (Malaysia) and Sermsuk Public Company. Prior, Sermsuk Public Co., held 51% of the total shares in the joint-venture company.

Recently, the functional drink and food market is growing very fast as Thai consumers are highly health conscious. As a result the company has planned to add new product lines including fruit juice and soymilk. The company has a policy to adjust sales revenue from soft drink to other drinks at 50:50, in line with the current market.

Product	Size (ounce)	Wholesale (Baht/case or bottle)	Retail Price (Baht/ Bottle)	Packaging (Bottle/ Case)
Yeo soy milk	10 ounce, glass bottle	105.-/@4.38	6	24
	UHT classic 250 ML	336.-/@7	9	48
	HHT Vitamin 250 ML	350.-/@7.29	10	48
	UHT Calcium 250 ML	380.-/@7.92	11	48
Lipton Wave green tea	CAN 300 ML	266.-/@11.08	13	24
	UHT 250 ML	295.-/@8.17	10	36

4) Foremost Friesland (Thailand) Pub Co Ltd

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Website: www.foremostforlife.com

Contact: Ms.Jutathip Wangsai/ R&D Manager (Tel. 0-2384-2760 ext.3131)

Company Profile

Foremost Friesland (Thailand) Public Company Limited manufactures and distributes dairy products within Thailand. The company's products include sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk, drinking yogurt, UHT pasteurized milk and infant feeding products in sizes from 110 to 946 ml. These products are sold under brand names such as Ship, Alaska, Falcon, Foremost, Kitty, Yo-Most and Frisolac.

5) Dutch Mill Co., Ltd.

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Khun Suvimon/ Marketing Director

Company Profile

Dutch Mill Co., Ltd. is one of Thailand's largest manufacturers and marketers of dairy products. The company's product range includes "Dutch Mill" UHT yogurt drink, "Dairy Plus" UHT fresh milk and "Duchies" ice lolly. With an annual intake of nearly twenty million liters of raw milk for farmer suppliers and group sales in excess of US \$78 million. Dutch Mill in recent years has positioned itself as a growing force in the Thai export market for dairy products, with the majority of shipments destined for the Asian region.

Dutch Mill Co., Ltd. was established in 1984 under the name of Profood Co., Ltd. and was renamed Dutch Mill Co., Ltd. in 1991. The company has invested around US \$55 million in its business. The company's head office is located in Bangkok and its factory is in Nakornpathom, 40 km from Bangkok.

Products

Dutch Mill Co. Ltd. Produces drinking yogurt in fruit flavors with a special line for kids, "light" enriched drinking yogurt, "Dairy Plus" UHT bottled milk, "DNA" boxed soymilk, and "Pop Eyes" ice pops ranging in size from 110-830 ml.

New Products

After launching the original DNA soymilk three years ago, the company launched a new product in November 2004: DNA high calcium with black sesame. The product is available in 3 sizes: 110 ml, 180 ml, and 230 ml. This new product targets health conscious consumers and the new generation working group.

6) Uni-President (Thailand) Ltd.

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Company Profile

Uni-president (Thailand) Ltd., a subsidiary of a Taiwanese company, President Enterprises Corporation. It is a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of food and drink products. It was established on May 17, 1994 with a capital of 250 Million Baht, under the name of "Uni-president Enterprises Corp. Ltd." This company has been set up with the objective of producing canned drinks under the brand name "Unif", which has been researched and developed with the support of the Central R & D Institute of its parent company. Therefore, all products have been fitted to the Thai taste. In 1997, the company name changed to "Uni-president (Thailand) Ltd."

In accordance with technology adapted from the parent company, upon entering the Thai market Uni-President (Thailand) Ltd. Has focused on a new manufacturing line of innovative health food products under the "Green& Healthy" concept. The product will be launched for the first time in Thailand in addition to Unif's five existing juice categories: vegetable with mixed fruit juice, fruit juice, fruit tea, coffee, and traditional drinks. The company caters a target group aged between 15-19 and working people who are now health conscious.

Products for Export: RTD coffee, tea, fruit juice, mixed fruit juice, vegetable & green tea

Export Markets: Indo-China, South-East Asia, Europe

7) Lactasoy Co., Ltd.

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Phanwana Mahasup/ Assitance Marketing Manager

Company Profile

LACTASOY Co., Ltd. was established by Mr. Viriya Chiraphadhankul who has been a successful producer of soft drinks in Thailand for over 50 years. Over the years, the company has expanded to include a bottling, canning and UHT (Ultra Heat Treatment) packaging operation at its Bangkok production facility, with a wide range of brands, some of them under franchise from North American firms such as Kickapoo, King Kist and Cosco.

The company's major breakthrough came 22 years ago with the introduction of its own brand of "LACTASOY" soymilk. With it the company combined the best of soybean and regular milk to produce a nutritious and healthy product for the general consumer. In addition to this the company also has chocolate and natural flavors which contain 100% soymilk.

Lactasoy was the first to invest in UHT packaging with which it wishes to bring to the consumer a sterilized and nutritious product. This innovative idea was first questioned by many, but after the first production line was ready and the machinery started, it never stopped. Today Lactasoy is a recognized market giant with prominent media presence. It has a nationwide distribution network and bustling sales throughout Thailand and Indochina. The company capital now stands at 400 million Thai Baht.

The company motto:

- Only produce from Non Genetically Modified Organism Soybean.
- Only produce from the best variety of fresh and whole beans.
- Guaranteed with 20 years of soymilk making experience.

7) The Universal Food Public Co., Ltd.

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Company Profile

The Universal Food Company Limited or UFC was founded in 1969 with registered capital of 15 million Baht. Its primary operation was vegetable and fruit canning based on the vision that Thailand was a country of various agricultural products and an abundance of cheap labor. This business has assisted in the promotion of Thai agriculture emphasizing the grower's higher income generation by productivity and employment of locals.

UFC's first footprint was a canning factory at Lampang, in the northern of Thailand, producing canned pineapple. Over time, testing and product development, UFC has diversified its product line into other suitable agricultural raw materials, such as lychee, longan and the other fruit and vegetables grown in the northern region. UFC distributes products throughout Thailand and the rest of the world.

UFC first appointed Berli Jucker Co. Ltd as sole dealer trading all UFC domestic products until 1992. However, due to an enormous domestic market expansion that year the company decided to establish its own Marketing & Sales Department with the intention of increasing efficiency and convenience. In 1996 UFC was then floated as a Public Company, at the same time expanding its business ventures in many areas.

To increase productivity, UFC took over Orchid Foods Co., Ltd. located in Nakhornpathom province and used them as another manufacturing base. Collaborating with Union Frost Co., Ltd. and Union Fresh Co., Ltd., UFC moved into the frozen product and fresh product industry respectively. Furthermore, the UFC has also manufactured other types of products such as fruit juice, tea and coffee in cans.

Products:

UFC produces juices in cans and boxes, canned fruit in syrup, canned coffee, canned vegetables, frozen vegetables and fruit jams ranging in size from 180 to 1000 ml.

UFC's Service Providing

UFC today, is not just a manufacturer but also a supplier of raw materials to many companies. In addition, UFC has formed the UFC product distribution team for customer convenience and fast responsiveness.

Export Market

UFC exports its products to 30 countries all over the world. Its major customers are: OP Corporation, Safeway, Green Giant, Libby, Sun Queen, Sainsbury's, Rykoff-Sexton, and Eldorado.

8) CP-Meiji Co., Ltd.

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Land Area: 155 Rai (250,000 Square Meters)

Capacity: 60,000 Tons/Day

Staff: 480 People

Products:

Pasteurized and UHT milks, yogurt and paigen.

Background:

Company Established: February 1, 1989

Supported Investment: Board Of Investment (BOI)

Board of Directors

President -- Mr.Chummchook Kantapichan

Vice President -- Mr.Yoshihiro Hashimoto

History:

CP-Meiji Co.,Ltd. is a joint venture between the Charoen Pokphan Group (CP) and Meiji Milk Products Co., Ltd. of Japan. With over seventy years of experience in the dairy industry with Meiji Milk and nearly 20 years of trading relations between the two companies CP-Meiji is aiming to be the leading milk products supplier in Thailand.

Raw material: Unprocessed Milk

Chilled Product:

The company produces pasteurized milk, sweetened milk, cocoa, pandan, chocolate, strawberry and coffee flavored milk, soymilk, non-fat milk and Maiji drinking yogurt and soft yogurt ranging in size from 200cc to 5 liters.

9) Tipco Foods (Thailand) Public Company Limited

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Factory: 212 Moo 16, Tambon Aou Noi, Muang District, Prachuab Kirikan

Company Profile

Tipco Foods (Thailand) Public Company Limited operates its core business in producing and exporting canned pineapple, pineapple juice and mixed fruit. Its current paid-up capital is Bt 429.77 million. The founder Prasit Sapsakorn wanted to help out pineapple farmers, his main clients at his gas station, who were always in despair about the low price for pineapple. The Thai Pineapple Company Limited was established in 1976 in Muang district, Prachubkirikhan and is the biggest pineapple plantation in Thailand. TIPCO has grown and strengthened their business with their initial public offer of shares on September 25, 1989 in the name of the Thai Pineapple Public Company Limited.

The company production capacity has grown continuously from 100,000 tons per year at the beginning to a current 200,000 tons per year. The company has expanded its product line to pineapple concentrate in both frozen and aseptic packaging and has introduced other processed fruit such as papaya, guava, rambutan, mango, and aloe vera, of which it is the leading exporter. In 2003, the company launched a new product process, the individual quick frozen product.

Products:

Tipco markets 10 fruit and vegetable juice flavors, "Tipco Squeeze"- pasteurized orange juice, 25-40% fruit and vegetable juices and RTD green tea. Tipco also introduced a juice bar under the name "Squeeze" in December 2004.

10) Nestle Thailand Co., Ltd.

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Nestle Thailand was established in 1893. It currently has seven factories with over 3,000 staff. The company has marketed aggressively and its "good food good life" center has been established to obtain closer relationships with its customers.

Products: Bear brand sterilized milk, "Bear" and "Carnation" condensed milk, powdered milk, Milo, nesVita, Nestle ice cream, juice, baby food, and "Carnation" coconut-milk substitute. Nestle baby food products are listed as GMO products by Greenpeace as it alleges they contain genetically modified organisms (GMOs). In March, 2005, Nestlé (Thai) Co introduced a coconut milk-like cream which it hopes to substitute for a traditional basic ingredient in Thai cooking. The company is tapping the demand for coconut milk or "kati", shunned in recent years by health-conscious consumers due to its high cholesterol content. Apart from Thailand, Carnation Ka-Ti will be exported to Malaysia in the future.

The Carnation brand has a 54% share in the 500-million-Baht evaporated milk market, followed by Foremost (34%), Bird Wing (7%). With the launch of new product, the market share of Carnation is expected to rise to 57-58%. Consumption of evaporated milk peaked six years ago before declining, however the market started to grow again over the past three years. Last year, the market grew by around 9%.

11) Ampol Food Processing Limited

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Mr.Suchart Vachirawittayakarn/ Factory Manager
Ms.Wanne Jaturachamroenchai/ R & D Manager
Products: UHT coconut cream, konjacku jelly, young rice milk

The company was founded by the Theppadungporn family in 1986. It specializes in producing and distributing frozen fruit and vegetables. Its well-known products are "Chao-Koh" coconut milk, coconut juice, coconut nectar, V-fit rice milk, Pro-fit Job's tears drink, Fit-C juice. Its major export markets include Japan, UK, German, Holland, Denmark, and Spain with a total value over 1,000 million Baht.

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